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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Wahid BEN AMOR (Tunisia)

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 1997 session from 5 to 16 May 1997. The Committee held __ meetings (614th to _____ meetings).

B. Attendance

2. The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

3. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Eritrea, France, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Venezuela.

4. The following non-member State was represented by an observer: Holy See.

5. The following other organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer: Palestine.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: World Health Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

7. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: general consultative status: Franciscans International, International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; special consultative status: United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation; Roster: International Association of Educators for World Peace (to be completed).

C. Election of officers

8. At the 614th meeting, on 5 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Fidel Coloma (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Valentin Hadjiiski (Bulgaria)
John D. Biggar (Ireland)
Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia) (serving also as Rapporteur)

D. Agenda

9. At the 614th meeting, on 5 May, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its 1997 session, as contained in document E/C.2/1997/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status deferred from the 1996 session of the Committee;

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, general and special categories.

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302.

6. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304.

7. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1998.

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee.